



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

RUTH HORTON



Ruth Horton, Ed.D. is a career educator who, from the young age of seventeen, has nurtured a vibrant tenure in education. Having served in both public and parochial schools, at the elementary through university levels, in suburban, and urban settings, Ruth has embraced the truth echoed by Christian author Ellen White that "knowledge of God is the foundation of all right education."

Her service has spanned decades in education, bolstered by four academic degrees. In the Seventh-day Adventist education system, her ministry was curated at the local school, conference, and union levels of the Seventh-day Adventist church, as a teacher, school administrator, conference superintendent, and Union education director.

Ruth acknowledges, more purposefully, how learning inherently invites a landing point, conjoining *knowing* with *doing* and with *being*—to *think* and to *do*. She is delighted to maintain the heart and pathos of a *teacher*. Ruth currently serves as Vice-president for Education for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

In her talk this evening, **Fostering Proof Positive School Culture**, Dr. Horton shares that within our reach lie myriad opportunities for scripting and constructing learning spaces that invite inquiry and innovation, foster collaboration and partnerships, and are attentive to stakeholder wellness, viability, and sustainability. Explore what is still possible in establishing and sustaining a coveted school culture.

